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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-21-55

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal in the eastern portion of the State to considerably below in the west. Heavy snow fell over the south-central to the northeastern portions of the State over the weekend, and moderate to locally heavy sleet in the southeast. Light to moderate snow fell over the western and north-central portions of the State, with heaviest amounts in the extreme northwest. Several days were windy.

CROPS There were a few scattered reports of damage to winter wheat in the drier areas of the western third of the State. Generally, it appears that wheat came through the winter in good shape but more moisture is needed in the west. The recent moisture was favorable for wheat in the south-central and eastern portions of the State. In this area, the surface soil was getting a little dry, but wheat has made some growth and it appears that abandonment will be light.

The recent storm covering the entire State stopped all field work. Some progress was made last week in seeding oats, one southern county reporting seeding about half finished. A little seeding had started in northeastern Nebraska.

There was considerable field activity last week--cutting stalks, preparing land for spring seeding and applying lime and nitrogen fertilizer. There was further activity in procuring seed for spring planting. A few tests indicated poor germination of oats. Some grasses were seeded last week. There was considerable demand for farm labor, with the increased activity of field work last week.

Shipments of potatoes up to March 17 totaled 1,365 cars against 2,209 cars up to the same date a year ago. A large percentage of potatoes have moved by truck. March 1 potato stocks were estimated at 1,200,000 bushels or slightly less than one-half of the quantity on hand January 1.

LIVESTOCK Some losses of calves and pigs were reported. While range is a little short in about half of the counties, there is very little shortage of hay and forage. A number of counties have a surplus of hay and forage. With few exceptions, grain feeds are ample, with some counties reporting a surplus.

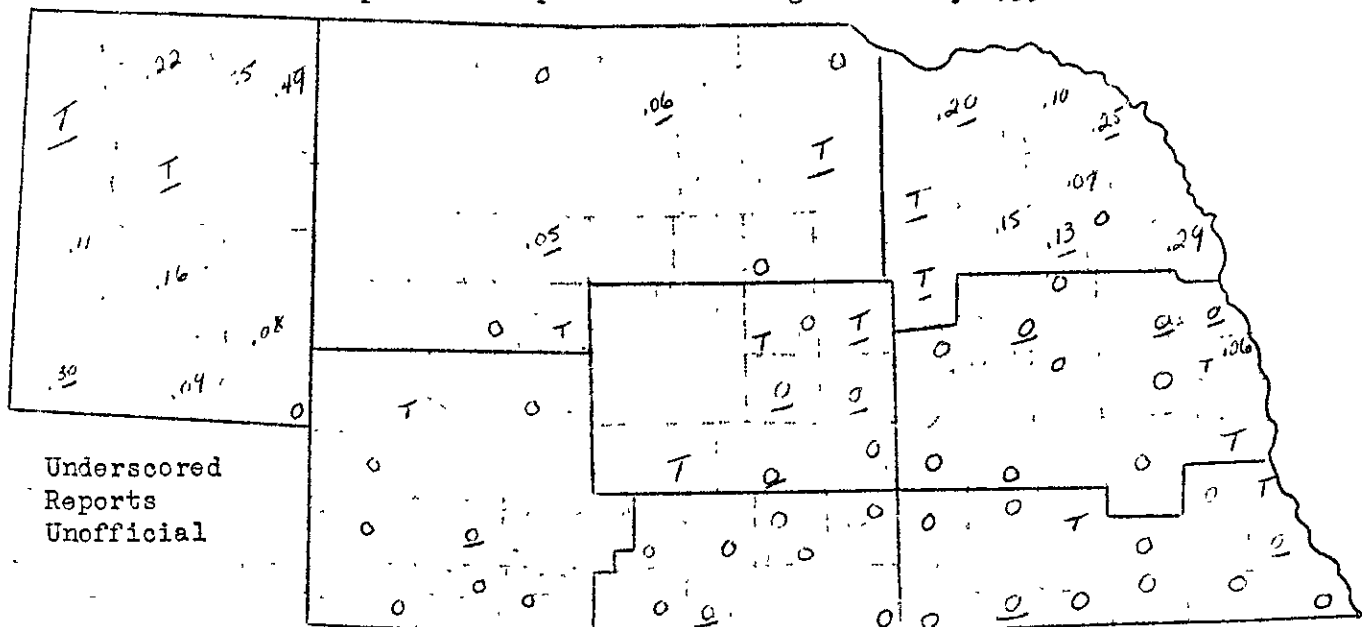
Chicks hatched during January and February were only 52% of the number hatched during the first two months of 1954, while for the U. S. the hatch was down 18%. Reports indicate some increased interest in poultry since the price of eggs advanced. U.S. potential layers, hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets not of laying age on farms January 1, were up 2% from a year earlier. About 94% of these potential layers were in laying flocks January 1, while the remaining 6% were pullets not of laying age.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1955

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .97	Burwell .04	Chadron .21
Lincoln .44	North Platte .14	Imperial .04
Norfolk .69	Valentine .08	Scottsbluff .26
Omaha .52		Sidney .16
Sioux City .57		

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# Precipitation Map for Week Ending March 18, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		March 15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	42	23	31	6	48	23	35	25	53	26	33	13	18	1
	Scottsbluff	35	21	33	12	47	26	38	20	54	20	43	14	21	2
	Sidney	47	22	35	14	44	27	38	14	35	23	46	15	23	6
N-C	Burwell	..	..	..	..	46	30	..	..	57	23	48	15	17	8
	Valentino	38	22	29	10	46	32	38	20	56	30	39	12	19	8
NE	Norfolk	50	26	..	..	39	30	40	19	55	27	48	18	25	11
	Sioux City	45	27	41	20	37	28	37	20	52	30	50	20	23	13
Gen.	Grand Island	53	26	42	20	43	33	43	19	54	27	52	21	29	10
E-C	Lincoln	61	28	43	23	41	33	45	23	54	35	57	26	34	14
	Omaha	52	26	42	20	36	28	38	22	57	33	54	24	25	13
SW	Imperial	58	26	41	13	47	27	44	15	58	25	53	16	27	7
	North Platte	53	27	41	16	46	32	43	17	57	24	49	17	25	8

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